

**Kentucky Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council**  
**Finance and Data Committee Meeting Summary**  
 April 15, 2021    Virtual Meeting    10:00am to 12:30pm

**Council Members:** Sherry Sexton, Emily Eldridge, Steve Lyons, Robin Osborne, Tracy Gross, Betty Sue Abshire, Lauren Reynolds, Rebecca Seavers, Sandy Weaver, Becky Clark, Peggy Roark, Val Mudd, Kelly Gunning, Steve Shannon, Russ Williams, Melony Cunningham

**Staff:** Cheryl Bogarty, Michele Blevins, Phyllis Millsbaugh, Christie Penn, Beth Jordan, Rhonda Riddle, Hope Beatty, Missy Runyon, Amy Potts, Maxine Reid, Jane Oliver

**Guests:** Marcie Timmerman

Topic	Discussion	Next Steps
Call Meeting to Order and Introductions	Peggy Roark, Chair, called to order at 1:04pm. Members, guest and staff introduced themselves.	Approved committee meeting summaries are available <a href="#">online</a> .
Overview of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grants and Additional COVID-19 Block Grant Funding	Michele Blevins presented information about SAMHSA's leadership, the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grants, COVID-19 Block Grants funds, the new 5% Crisis Set-Aside. History of the funds, funding priorities, targeted populations, and grant restrictions were shared. Michele described the Planning Council's role in planning for Kentucky's behavioral health system. She also discussed SAMHSA's monitoring process and funds that CMHCs may apply for from SAMHSA in the upcoming year.	
Overview of Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities' Contracting Process	Michele Blevins shared how Block Grant funds complement other funds (e.g., state general funds, Medicaid funds, funding from competitive grants) to provide behavioral health services to the greatest number of individuals in the state. She described the department's contracting and monitoring process for CMHCs and other entities.	
Summary of DBHDID Data Collection	This item was tabled due to time constraints.	
Block Grant Drafted Budgets for SFY 2022 – Facilitated Review and Discussion of SFY 2022 Planned Expenditures	Michele shared SAMHSA's SFY 2022 Block Grant and COVID-19 Block Grant allocations to Kentucky. Michele discussed the state's set-aside responsibilities.	

and Additional Funding Requests		
Finance Committee Member Feedback and Priority Setting	<p>Council members reported the following needs for individuals at risk of, with, or recovering from behavioral health disorders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing and re-entry services for individuals with SMI exiting prison;</li> <li>• Individuals on probation or parole with IDD and/or SMI;</li> <li>• Oxford Houses for individuals with a criminal justice background;</li> <li>• WIFI services</li> <li>• Greater warmline capacity</li> <li>• Connection to care coordinators who help individuals access Medicaid</li> <li>• More Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers</li> <li>• Adaptable workplaces</li> <li>• Housing and housing support</li> <li>• Specialized services for LGBTQ, elder and Black communities</li> </ul> <p>Other feedback shared by Council members included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in individuals charged with felony drug possession. With a felony, the individual is ineligible for many services and supports;</li> <li>• Clients would benefit from tablets or other technology to communicate with their clinician; and</li> <li>• For a long-range vision of sustainability, consumer operated services programs and similar programs must be operated in cooperation with CMHCs or other organizations.</li> </ul>	
Updates	<p>Members, staff and guests shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marcie Timmerman of Mental Health America of KY offered to host a call to discuss needs of the LGBTQ community. Email Marcie to join in the conversation. Marcie also shared that May 7<sup>th</sup> is Wear Green for Mental Health Day.</li> <li>• Jane Oliver shared that the IPS Supported Employment Annual Conference held the prior week had over 170 participants. Jane reported</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:mtimmerman@mhaky.org">mtimmerman@mhaky.org</a>

	<p>that one employer shared that the IPS program had taught him how to work better with all his employees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valerie Mudd shared that NAMI Lexington is now trained to teach NAMI Peer-to-Peer.</li> <li>• Melony Cunningham shared that NAMI KY has launched six new programs, including NAMI Provider, NAMI Peer-to-Peer, and Sharing Your Story with Law Enforcement Officers</li> <li>• Kelly Gunning shared that the KYSTARS Peer Excellence Awards are May 6 and the conference is May 7. May 5 is an all-day training for peer supervisors. NAMI Lexington has requested a Governor's proclamation for mental health month.</li> </ul>	
Adjourn	<p>Kelly Gunning made a motion to adjourn at 12:25pm. Valerie Mudd seconded. <b>Motion passed.</b></p>	Next meeting: TBD